

► **Bonanza Interested**—Although TWA and United have been the principal contenders, Bonanza Air Lines, with headquarters in Las Vegas, is considered another likely prospect for a Los Angeles-Las Vegas route in competition with Western (AVIATION WEEK Oct. 13, p. 92). Bonanza executives deny any interest in such a route but Las Vegas observers insist Bonanza wants the route to close the final gap on its circle from Las Vegas to Los Angeles by way of Phoenix and San Diego.

Three courses are open to the CAB in this case:

- Continue the restriction as it stands.
- Modify it to permit United and/or TWA to carry Los Angeles-Las Vegas passengers on that segment of their transcontinental runs.
- Eliminate it entirely, allowing United, TWA or Bonanza to compete with Western on shuttle runs between Los Angeles and Las Vegas.

Western officials, although protesting, are resigned to the probability of some change.